BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of the City of Rhinelander, Oneida County, as a Water Public Utility for Authority to Increase Water Rates

5010-WR-104

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING AND INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS AND TELEPHONIC HEARING

Telephonic Hearing Date: Thursday, February 28, 2002 – 9:00 a.m.

Hearing Locations: Lake Superior Conference Room – 2nd Floor, Public Service

Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, WI

UW Extension Meeting Room, Rhinelander-Oneida County

Airport, 3375 Airport Road, Rhinelander, WI

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to consider the application received November 30, 2001, of the City of Rhinelander, Oneida County, (applicant), as a water public utility, under Wis. Stat. §§ 196.03(1) and (3), 196.20(1), and 196.37(1), (2), and (3), for authority to increase water rates.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will hold a hearing on Thursday, February 28, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. This will be a telephonic hearing conducted from two sites. The applicant will provide a room for customer participation in the Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport, 3375 Airport Road, Rhinelander, Wisconsin. Customers may call the utility at (715) 365-8616 for further details on the location of the hearing room. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Commission staff will participate from the second location, the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, in the Lake Superior Conference Room. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be

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assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

Persons who desire to become parties must request party status in writing pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.32(3). A person need not be a party to testify at the hearing. Party status requests should be addressed to David Whitcomb, Administrative Law Judge, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Vishwa Kashyap at (608) 266-2029.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin,	
By the Commission:	
Lynda L. Dorr	
Secretary to the Commission	

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